

Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

DEREK TUCSON, ROBIN SNYDER,
MONSIEREE DE CASTRO, and ERIK
MOYA-DELGADO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF SEATTLE, ALEXANDER
PATTON, TRAVIS JORDAN, DYLAN
NELSON, JOHN DOES (#1-4), and JANE
DOES (#1-2),

Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-00017 MJP

SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This is a civil rights action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for violations of Plaintiff's rights under the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments.

1.2 In response to this litigation, the City of Seattle has already partially amended the ordinance at issue – Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 12A.08.020. These changes cure some but not all of the ordinance's most important defects. Both the new and former versions of the ordinance are facially unconstitutional and as applied to Plaintiffs. The amended ordinance continues to criminalize any writing on any surface not owned by the writer except with "express permission" of the owner. Under the pre-amendment version, even if the writer had the owner's express permission, or otherwise reasonably believed the writing was lawful, police could still arrest the writer—and only later, at trial, could the writer present the owner's express permission

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1 or the writer’s reasonable belief as an “affirmative defense.” While the new ordinance makes the
 2 absence of express permission an element, rather than a defense, and also attaches a *mens rea*
 3 requirement to criminal liability, the City’s amendment in no way addressed more fundamental
 4 problems with the ordinance. For example, the amended SMC 12A.08.020 still makes no
 5 allowance whatsoever that the owner impliedly authorized the writing, nor does the amended
 6 ordinance allow for constitutionally protected writing in a public forum, or for chalking or other
 7 temporary writing that causes no damage and implicates no legitimate government interest. The
 8 ordinance still sweeps within its criminal ambit an inordinate degree of entirely innocent and
 9 constitutionally protected expressive activities, affording police an astonishing degree of
 10 discretion regarding when, and against whom, to enforce it. And the Plaintiffs still fear that they
 11 will be arrested and jailed under the amended ordinance for using sidewalk chalk to write
 12 political messages that Defendants personally disagree with.

13 1.3 In this case, Defendants deployed that discretion to retaliate against criticisms
 14 written by Plaintiffs, four peaceful protesters who Defendants arrested for writing political
 15 messages in ordinary charcoal and children’s sidewalk chalk in an open and traditional public
 16 forum. Defendants selectively enforced SMC 12A.08.020 against Plaintiffs’ criticisms while
 17 tolerating politically neutral and pro-government chalking. Such viewpoint discrimination, too,
 18 the Constitution does not allow.

19 1.4 The arrests began on the evening of January 1, 2021, outside the Seattle Police
 20 Department (SPD) East Precinct when Plaintiff Derek Tucson wrote the words “peaceful protest”
 21 on a concrete wall that the Defendant City of Seattle built over the public sidewalk around the
 22 precinct building. Plaintiff Tucson wrote this political message with a piece of charcoal found on
 23 the ground near the wall. Although the writing caused no damage to the wall, and would wash
 24 off in the rain, Defendants arrested Plaintiff Tucson for the sole reason that he wrote this political
 25 message. When several bystanders – the other three Plaintiffs in this case – responded by writing
 26 similar messages in charcoal and children’s sidewalk chalk, Defendants arrested them too.



1.5 After these retaliatory arrests, Defendants booked all four Plaintiffs into the King County Jail in violation of Covid-19-related booking policies that prohibited booking people for non-violent offenses. This occurred because, in December 2020, the Seattle Police Department and Mayor's Office targeted non-violent protesters for retaliation in the form of an exception to these health and safety related booking policies. As a result, political protesters suspected of non-violent offenses, including Plaintiffs, were booked into the Jail during a pandemic while similarly situated non-political detainees were not booked.

1.6 At stake is the basic question of whether Seattle residents can peacefully criticize their government officials in the public forum free from retaliation by those officials. Defendants' actions, practices, and policies in this case stand in stark contrast to the society of free and vibrant expression that our Constitution stands for and protects.

II. PARTIES

- 2.1 Plaintiff Derek Tucson is a resident of Seattle, Washington.
- 2.2 Plaintiff Robin Snyder is a resident of Seattle, Washington.
- 2.3 Plaintiff Monsieree de Castro is a resident of Seattle, Washington.
- 2.4 Plaintiff Erik Moya-Delgado is a resident of Seattle, Washington.

1 2.5 Defendant City of Seattle (“City”) is a municipal corporation formed under the
2 laws of the State of Washington and acting under color of state law.

3 2.6 At all times relevant, Defendant Alexander Patton was employed by Defendant
4 City as a police officer with the Seattle Police Department (“SPD”). He is sued in his individual
5 and official capacities. He acted at all relevant times under color of state law.

6 2.7 At all times relevant, Defendant Travis Jordan was employed by Defendant City
7 as a police officer with SPD. He is sued in his individual and official capacities. He acted at all
8 relevant times under color of state law.

9 2.8 At all times relevant, Defendant Dylan Nelson was employed by Defendant City
10 as a police officer with SPD. He is sued in his individual and official capacities. He acted at all
11 relevant times under color of state law.

12 2.9 At all times relevant, Defendants John Does #1 - #4 and Jane Doe #1 were
13 employed by Defendant City as police officers with SPD. They are sued in their individual and
14 official capacities. They acted at all relevant times under color of state law.

15 2.10 At all times relevant, Defendant Jane Doe #2 was a policy maker for the
16 Defendant City of Seattle. She is sued in her individual and official capacity. She acted at all
17 relevant times under color of state law.

18 **III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

19 3.1 This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343.

20 3.2 Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because the events giving rise to these
21 claims occurred in this judicial district.

22 **IV. FACTS**

23 4.1 This case concerns Defendants’ seizure of all four Plaintiffs on the night of
24 January 1 through January 2, 2021.

25 4.2 Sometime prior to January 1, 2021, the Defendant City erected a temporary
26 concrete wall around SPD’s East Precinct building at 1519 12th Avenue, Seattle, WA. The
27 temporary wall, made of large concrete “eco-blocks” stacked to a height of approximately six

1 feet and topped with a chain link fence, obstructed the public's access to the sidewalk along Pine
2 Street and 12th Avenue. Sometime after January 1, 2021, the Defendant City removed the
3 temporary wall.

4 4.3 At approximately 10:30 p.m. on January 1, 2021, four uniformed officers
5 employed by Defendant City emerged from the East Precinct to arrest Plaintiff Derek Tucson
6 from a group of approximately four or five people gathered on and near the public sidewalk. The
7 basis of the arrest was Defendants' suspicion that Plaintiff Tucson wrote the words "peaceful
8 protest" in ordinary charcoal on the temporary "eco-block" wall. Plaintiff Tucson did not consent
9 to the arrest, and repeatedly asked why he was being arrested, but he did not resist.

10 4.4 Two officers physically seized Plaintiff Tucson. Public records indicate that
11 Defendant Patton was the "arresting officer." Video of the arrest, compared with publicly
12 available images of Defendant Patton, appears to confirm that Defendant Patton was one of the
13 two officers who seized Plaintiff Tucson. Public records do not identify the second officer,
14 whose name is not presently known to Plaintiffs. Video footage shows this unidentified officer,
15 John Doe #1, to be male, white, bald, and wearing a dark blue facial covering.

16 4.5 The charcoal writing of "peaceful protest" was inherently temporary, could have
17 been wiped off with little effort, would wash away in the rain, and caused no damage to the
18 function or aesthetic value of the temporary concrete "eco-block" wall.

19 4.6 Members of the public who were nearby during Plaintiff Tucson's arrest,
20 including Plaintiff Snyder, verbally protested the arrest and repeatedly demanded an explanation.
21 Plaintiff Tucson's arrest, and each subsequent arrest of the other Plaintiff's, had the effect of
22 angering witnesses and escalating tension and rhetoric.

23 4.7 After Plaintiff Tucson was taken inside the precinct building, members of the
24 public wrote additional messages on the temporary wall in ordinary charcoal and children's
25 sidewalk chalk.

26 4.8 The messages were political in nature and included the phrases "BLM" ("Black
27 Lives Matter"), "FTP" ("Fuck the Police"), "Free DT," "Free Robin," "Free them all," "Abolish

1 SPD,” “Kill KKKops,” “Killers →” (arrow pointing at the precinct), “New Year No New
2 Names,” and “Fuck SPD.”

3 4.9 All of these political messages were written in ordinary charcoal or children’s
4 sidewalk chalk, inherently temporary, could have been wiped off with little effort, would wash
5 away in the rain, and caused no damage to the function or aesthetic value of the temporary
6 concrete “eco-block” wall.

7 4.10 Approximately four minutes after arresting Plaintiff Tucson, five uniformed
8 officers employed by Defendant City appeared, two emerging from a marked police vehicle and
9 three from the precinct building, to arrest Plaintiff Snyder on suspicion of having written one or
10 more of the political messages identified above in paragraphs 4.8 and 4.9. Plaintiff Snyder did
11 not consent to, but did not resist, the arrest.

12 4.11 Two of the officers, one from the vehicle and one from the precinct, physically
13 seized Plaintiff Snyder. Although public records indicate that Defendant Patton was the
14 “arresting officer” for Plaintiff Snyder, video footage of the arrest does not appear to show
15 Defendant Patton participating in the seizure. Instead, Plaintiff Snyder appears to have been
16 seized by Defendant Nelson, whose sworn narrative admits his participation in the arrest. The
17 name of the second officer who seized Plaintiff Snyder is presently unknown to Plaintiffs. Video
18 footage shows this unidentified officer, John Doe #2, to be male, white, dark haired, and wearing
19 a lighter-blue facial covering.

20 4.12 Approximately twelve minutes after Plaintiff Snyder was arrested and taken
21 inside the precinct, ten uniformed officers employed by Defendant City appeared, two emerging
22 from a police vehicle and eight from the precinct, to arrest Plaintiff de Castro on suspicion of
23 having written one or more of the political messages identified above in paragraphs 4.8 and 4.9.
24 Plaintiff de Castro did not consent to, but did not resist, the arrest.

25 4.13 Two of the officers, one from the vehicle and one from the precinct, physically
26 seized Plaintiff de Castro. Again, public records indicating Defendant Patton’s role as the
27 “arresting officer” appears to be inconsistent with video footage of the officers who seized

1 Plaintiff de Castro. Rather, Defendant Nelson's sworn narrative, in which he admits to arresting
2 Plaintiff de Castro, appears to be consistent with the video. The name of the second officer who
3 seized Plaintiff de Castro is presently unknown to Plaintiffs. Video footage shows this
4 unidentified officer, John Doe #3, to be male, white, light haired, and wearing a yellow facial
5 covering.

6 4.14 Approximately eight minutes after Plaintiff de Castro was arrested and taken
7 inside the precinct, approximately eleven officers employed by Defendant City appeared, three
8 emerging from the precinct building and approximately eight from four police vehicles, to arrest
9 Plaintiff Moya-Delgado on suspicion of writing one or more of the political messages identified
10 above in paragraphs 4.8 and 4.9 as well as part of a song lyric ("♪ *Always some pig there to beat*
11 *me*" in the style of Naked Eye's "*Always something there to remind me*") on the brick wall of the
12 precinct building in children's sidewalk chalk. The writing of the lyric, like the other political
13 messages, was inherently temporary, could have been wiped off with little effort, would wash
14 away in the rain, and caused no damage to the function or aesthetic value of the precinct.
15 Plaintiff Moya-Delgado did not consent to, but did not resist, the arrest.

16 4.15 All three of the officers who emerged from the precinct physically seized Plaintiff
17 Moya-Delgado. Yet again, arrest paperwork indicating Defendant Patton's role as Plaintiff
18 Moya-Delgado's "arresting officer" appears to be inconsistent with video footage of the arrest.
19 The identities of the three seizing officers, which are not indicated in public records, are
20 presently unknown to Plaintiffs. Video footage shows one of the first of these three unidentified
21 officers to likely be John Doe #1; the second, John Doe #4, to be male, white, dark-haired, with a
22 dark gray facial covering; and the third, Jane Doe #1, to be female, a person of color, dark-
23 haired, and wearing a black facial covering.

24 4.16 As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing events, each Plaintiff was seized,
25 handcuffed, escorted inside the East Precinct, placed in cold, disorienting, and uncomfortable
26 holding cells, and detained for substantial periods of time during which they experienced various
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1 indignities, physical pain and suffering, and loss of the freedoms of expression, movement, and
2 association.

3 4.17 On March 4, 2020, the King County Executive announced that “Correctional
4 facilities” will restrict the type of bookings they will accept. Jails will not accept people brought
5 in for misdemeanor charges, except for misdemeanor assaults, violations of no contact or
6 protection orders, DUIs, sex crimes or other charges which present a serious public safety
7 concern.” This policy is referred to below as “the County’s Covid-19 booking policy”.

8 4.18 On January 2, 2021, the offense for which Plaintiffs were arrested was not on the
9 list of charges which present a “serious public safety concern” under the County’s Covid-19
10 booking policy.

11 4.19 The County’s Covid-19 booking policy was subject to exceptions, referred to as
12 an “override,” at the request of law enforcement and local government partners, including SPD
13 and Defendant City.

14 4.20 Prior to Plaintiffs’ arrest, at least one person employed by SPD at the rank of
15 “assistant chief or higher” used their official position to “override” the County’s Covid-19
16 booking policy so that it did not apply to people arrested during political protests.

17 4.21 Prior to Plaintiffs’ arrest, at least one person employed by Defendant City in an
18 “executive leadership” position in the Mayor’s Office used their official position to “override”
19 the County’s Covid-19 booking policy so that it did not apply to people arrested during political
20 protests.

21 4.22 According to independent inquiry and information, Mr. John Diaz (former
22 director of the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention) referred to the
23 “executive leadership” official referenced in paragraph 4.21 using she/her/hers. She is sued
24 herein as Jane Doe #2.

25 4.23 “Override” of the County’s Covid-19 booking policy by the SPD “assistant chief
26 or higher” and Jane Doe #2 discriminated against detainees based upon political participation
27 and viewpoint by causing those arrested for non-violent offenses in the context of political

1 protests to be booked into jail while those arrested for non-violent offenses in non-political
2 contexts were not booked.

3 4.24 As a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of “overriding” the County’s Covid-
4 19 booking policy by the SPD “assistant chief or higher” and by Defendant Jane Doe #2,
5 Plaintiffs were booked into the King County Jail on January 2, 2021 based upon political
6 participation and viewpoint.

7 4.25 Booking into the Jail extended the duration, and enhanced the severity, of
8 Plaintiffs’ seizures: all four Plaintiffs were involuntarily moved from the East Precinct to the
9 King County Jail where they were searched, stripped of civilian clothing, dressed in jail garb,
10 photographed, fingerprinted, moved from one cold and unsanitary cell to the next, and otherwise
11 subjected to various indignities, physical pain and suffering, and loss of the freedoms of
12 expression, movement, and association.

13 4.26 Each Plaintiff was released from the Jail at a different time of day on January 2,
14 2021.

15 4.27 According to their sworn statements, Defendants Jordon, Nelson, and Patton each
16 independently reviewed and relied upon the elements of Seattle Municipal Code 12A.08.020—
17 “Property Destruction” to establish probable cause for arresting Plaintiffs.

18 4.28 The version of SMC 12A.08.020 then in effect stated: “A person is guilty of
19 property destruction if he or she . . . (2) Writes, paints, or draws any inscription, figure, or mark
20 of any type on any public or private building or other structure or any real or personal property
21 owned by any other person.”

22 4.29 That version of SMC 12A.08.020 differed from a related Washington State
23 statute, RCW 9A.48.090. Although both laws criminalize “writ[ing], paint[ing], or draw[ing] any
24 inscription, figure or mark of any type on any public or private building or other structure or any
25 real or personal property owned by any other person,” the state statute excludes writing, painting,
26 and drawing that occurs with the express permission of the owner. In contrast, the municipal
27 ordinance does not require any evidence regarding the property owner’s permission, which is the

1 writer, painter, or drawer's burden to prove during prosecution as an "affirmative defense."
 2 Thus, under the plain language of the ordinance, Defendants could arrest and prosecute the
 3 famous Seattle muralist Ryan "henry" Ward under SMC 12A.08.020 for painting a mural with
 4 not only the owner's express permission, but paid commission.

5 4.30. SMC 12A.08.020 also permits Defendants to arrest and prosecute anyone who
 6 had a "reasonable belief" that they had the lawful right to write, paint, or draw on someone else's
 7 property. Like express permission, the issue of "reasonable belief" was relegated to an
 8 "affirmative defense." Thus, the plain language of the ordinance allowed Defendants to arrest
 9 and prosecute children for chalking a rainbow on the sidewalk in front of their home, protesters
 10 for chalking political slogans on a temporary concrete wall built over the public sidewalk,
 11 employees for using their employer's word processing software, an attorney or law clerk for
 12 writing a note on a legal pad belonging to co-counsel or the court, or anyone who reasonably and
 13 innocently believes that their writing is impliedly authorized or protected by any legal right,
 14 including the First Amendment. Significantly, neither the former nor amended versions of the
 15 ordinance distinguish between types of surfaces: both versions impose the same degree of
 16 criminal liability for chalking on a public sidewalk as for chalking on someone's private home.
 17 The ordinance simply does not distinguish between speech in public or private fora.

18 4.31 When they asserted probable cause to arrest Plaintiffs, Defendants Jordon,
 19 Nelson, and Patton made no mention of having reviewed or considered the affirmative defenses
 20 of express permission or reasonable belief.

21 4.32 By its plain language, SMC 12A.08.020 swept within its ambit an overwhelming
 22 degree of constitutionally protected expressions and activities.

23 4.33 Prosecutors did not charge Plaintiffs within the two-year statute of limitations for
 24 SMC 12A.08.020 or any related offense presumably because Plaintiffs' only true crime was
 25 criticizing the Defendants in a public forum.

26 4.34 The Defendant City enforced SMC 12A.08.020 against Plaintiffs selectively and
 27 because of retaliatory animus.

4.35 On March 14, 2023 – over 25 years after the ordinance was initially adopted -- the City Council passed, and Mayor Bruce Harrell signed, City Council Bill 120521, reorganizing the ordinance. In presenting and sponsoring the amendment, Councilmember Lisa Herbold described it is as a “risk management bill intended to mitigate a possible risk with our current code, that has come to light in the course of a current lawsuit.” *See* City Council Meeting March 14, 2023, video with embedded transcript available at <https://seattlechannel.org/FullCouncil/?videoid=x147844&Mode2=Video>, last accessed 3/20/22023. Councilmember Herbold continued, “[m]y objective as the sponsor of the legislation was to address only the risk exposure, otherwise I believe if we were dealing with policy issues, the bill should be heard in committee to have those deliberations. So, very narrowly limited to address the risk management recommendations of the City Attorney’s Office.” *Id.* The new text reads as follows, with deletions ~~in strike-through~~ and additions in underline:

A. A person is guilty of property destruction if ~~((he or she))~~ the person intentionally:

1. ~~((Intentionally damages))~~ Damages the property of another; or

2. Writes, paints, or draws any inscription, figure, or mark of any type on any public or private building or other structure or any real or personal property owned by any other person unless the person has obtained the express permission of the owner or operator of the property.

B. 1. It is an affirmative defense to property destruction under subsection 12A.08.020.A.1 that the actor reasonably believed that he had a lawful right to damage such property.

~~((2. It is an affirmative defense to property destruction under subsection 12A.08.020.A.2 that the actor had obtained express permission of the owner or operator of the building, structure, or property.))~~

1 C. Property destruction is a gross misdemeanor.

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3 4.36 The amended Ordinance moved the prior B)(2) to (A)(2), eliminating the
4 affirmative defense while adding its substance to the elements of the offense. The amended
5 Ordinance also adopted a mental state requirement (intent) to apply to both prongs of the
6 ordinance (rather than just the property damage section). Yet, the new ordinance still prohibits
7 any mark on any property unless one has express permission – writing on one’s employer’s legal
8 pad or drawing a hopscotch grid in chalk on the sidewalk– are still prohibited. In this regard, the
9 ordinance sets out no mechanism for anyone to obtain “express permission” for writing in a
10 public forum, with no standards for the use of discretion by Seattle police to determine who can
11 be arrested and jailed for writing on public property – why employees and people playing
12 hopscotch are not subject to arrest or booking into a disease-filled jail but critics of the police
13 are.

14 4.37 The Defendant City does not apply SMC 12A.08.020 to temporary chalk or
15 charcoal writing that is supportive of the government or police. But for the content and viewpoint
16 Plaintiffs expressed on January 1, 2021, they would not have been arrested.

17 4.38 The Defendant City’s long-established policy is to treat the use of sidewalk chalk
18 as non-criminal.

19 4.39 On March 20, 2015, the SPD’s official Twitter account posted the following
20 response to a query from a member of the public regarding legality of politically neutral
21 messages written in chalk:

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24 //



Source: <https://twitter.com/SeattlePD/status/578967302231609344>

4.40 Consistent with the announcement on Twitter, images posted to the Seattle Police Foundation Facebook page suggest that Defendant City took no enforcement action against pro-police messages such as “WE ♥ SPD” chalked in public parks on July 8 and 15, 2017:



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/seattlepolicefoundation/photos/10155261025517419>



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/seattlepolicefoundation/photos/10155286250797419>

4.41 Likewise, the Defendant City's police took no enforcement action against political messages such as "LIBERTY IS ESSENTIAL" and pro-police messages such as "DEFEND SPD" chalked during a "Back the Blue" rally at City Hall on July 15, 2020:



Source: <https://komonews.com/news/local/supporters-rally-outside-city-hall-to-defend-spd>
 (red circle added to video still-frame to highlight individual chalking in front of SPD officers)

1 4.42 However, when members of the public chalk criticism of the government or
2 police, the Defendant City reacts very differently, as demonstrated by the arrest and booking of
3 Plaintiffs on January 1, 2021.

4 4.43 Expressing the same discriminatory animus on March 3, 2021, SPD's Lt. John
5 Brooks cited "SMC Property Destruction" while threatening "enforcement action" against
6 members of the public for chalking the public sidewalk outside of SPD's West Precinct. This still
7 frame image from an audio-video recording of Lt. Brooks' threat shows sidewalk chalk visible in
8 foreground criticizing SPD for the murder of Black and Brown Seattle residents:



1 4.44 This municipal policy or practice of enforcing and threatening to enforce SMC
 2 12A.08.020 against people who express criticism of government and/or police in temporary
 3 messages written in traditional public forums on surfaces like the public sidewalk, including
 4 concrete barriers built over the public sidewalk, is chilling to free expression, tends to deter,
 5 punish, retaliate, and discriminate based on viewpoint, and is blatantly unconstitutional. Nothing
 6 about the amended Ordinance changes these fundamental constitutional defects.

7 4.45 The Defendant City's policy or practice of enforcing and threatening to enforce
 8 SMC 12A.08.020 to chill, deter, punish, or retaliate against individuals like Plaintiffs is ongoing.
 9 Enforcement of SMC 12A.08.020 poses an immediate and continuing threat of repeated arrest
 10 and injury to Plaintiffs and similarly situated persons.

11 V. CAUSES OF ACTION

12 Count One: First Amendment Violations under 42 U.S.C. § 1983

13 5.1 By virtue of the foregoing, Defendants subjected each Plaintiff to selective and
 14 retaliatory arrest for engaging in protected speech, in violation of U.S. Const., amend. I, chilling
 15 and deterring each Plaintiff's protected speech. Defendants would not have arrested any Plaintiff
 16 but for their protected speech. The moving force and substantial motivating factor of each arrest
 17 was retaliation for protected speech.

18 5.2 By virtue of the foregoing, the amended SMC 12A.08.020 is impermissibly vague
 19 on its face in violation of U.S. Const., amend. I, such that Plaintiffs have no notice of the conduct
 20 prohibited, chilling and deterring their protected speech.

21 5.3 By virtue of the foregoing, the amended SMC 12A.08.020 is substantially
 22 overbroad on its face, in violation of U.S. Const., amend. I. On its face, the amended SMC
 23 12A.08.020 prohibits substantially more protected speech than necessary relative to any
 24 potentially legitimate sweep, chilling and deterring each Plaintiff's protected speech.

25 5.4 By virtue of the foregoing, the amended SMC 12A.08.020 violates U.S. Const.,
 26 amend. I as applied to Plaintiffs, in that Defendants' selective enforcement of the provision
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discriminated against Plaintiffs' viewpoint and was applied to punish and prohibit protected speech without a legitimate or compelling state interest.

5.5 By virtue of the foregoing, SMC 12A.08.020, as in force at the time of Plaintiffs' arrest, violated the First Amendment on its face.

Count Two: Fourteenth Amendment Violations under 42 U.S.C. § 1983

5.6 By virtue of the foregoing, the amended SMC 12A.08.020 is impermissibly vague on its face in violation of U.S. Const., amend. XIV, such that Plaintiffs have no notice of the conduct prohibited, depriving them of liberty without due process of law.

5.7 By virtue of the foregoing, the amended SMC 12A.08.020 facially violates U.S. Const., amend. XIV, by criminalizing entirely innocent conduct regardless of whether Plaintiffs were legally or impliedly authorized to make the mark, figure, or inscription alleged.

5.8 By virtue of the foregoing, SMC 12A.08.020 as it was in force at the time of Plaintiffs arrested violated the Fourteenth Amendment on its face.

Count Three: Fourth Amendment Violations under 42 U.S.C. § 1983

5.9 By virtue of the foregoing, Defendant City subjected each Plaintiff to unreasonable search and seizure, without probable cause or other justification, in violation of U.S. Const., amend. IV.

Count Four: Monell Claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983

5.10 By virtue of the foregoing, the Defendant City has a pattern, practice, or policy of enforcing and threatening to enforce SMC 12A.08.020 in retaliation for protected speech, discriminating against speech on the basis of content and viewpoint, and denying Plaintiffs and similarly situated persons of liberty without due process of law. The Defendant City's policies and practices thereby violate Plaintiffs' First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

VI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court enter judgment and other relief against Defendants as follows:

6.1 All damages authorized by law, in amounts to be determined at trial;

6.2 A declaration that the amended SMC 12A.08.020 violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments on its face;

6.3 A declaration that the amended SMC 12A.08.020 violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments as applied;

6.4 An injunction prohibiting Defendants from enforcing the amended 12A.08.020;

6.5 A declaration that the prior 12A.08.020 in force at the time of Plaintiffs' arrest violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

6.6 Reasonable attorney fees and costs as provided by law, including under 42 U.S.C. § 1988;

6.7 A jury trial on all claims so triable; and

6.8 Pre- and post-judgment interest on any amounts recovered, to the extent authorized by law.

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